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SUBJ: STRIKE BY STEVEDORES CLOSES PORT OF LEIXOES

1. PORT OF LEIXOES (OPORTO'S OCEAN PORT AND SECOND LARGEST PORT IN PORTUGAL) IS NOW PARALYZED DUE TO STRIKE BY STEVEDORES. STRIKE BY STEVEDORES UNION WHICH BEGAN OCT 28 UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT CONSULTING GOVERNMENT AND IN VIOLATION OF STRIKE LAW. PRINCIPAL UNION DEMAND IS THAT NUMBER OF MEN COMPOSING A "GANG" BE INCREASED FROM FOUR TO 13. THIS DEMAND UNACCEPTABLE TO SHIPPING COMPANIES WHO UNWILLING TO PAY SALARIES OF FOUR TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS MONTHLY TO EACH OF NINE EXTRA AND ALLEGEDLY UNNECESSARY MEN WHO WOULD COMPRISE GANGS. UNION LEADERS AND SHIPPING COMPANY MANAGEMENT HAVE MET WITH LOCAL MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN AS YET UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES. IN MEANTIME NO CARGO BEING UNLOADED OR LOADED FROM SHIPS IN PORT AND STEVEDORES NOT ALLOWING MERCHANDISE ALREADY UNLOADED ON WHARF TO BE TRANSPORTED. AT LEAST TWO SHIPS AWAITING ENTRY INTO LEIXOES HAVE ALREADY DEPARTED FOR LISBON WITH POSSIBILITY THAT OTHER SHIPS WILL LIKEWISE BYPASS PORT OR BE DIVERTED.

2. PORT CLOSURE IS PARTICULARLY SERIOUS COMING AT THIS TIME GIVEN LOCAL ECONOMIC SITUATION AND GENERALLY NEGATIVE  
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